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**General Board Meeting Minutes**

Chair Lyle Welcomed the attendees and sent hopes of a good past Thanksgiving, and invited the Sgt of Arms, Ms. McKay, to review the CB10 House Rules before opening the meeting.

Ms. McKay reminded the public not to sit on the radiators, to be mindful of speaking on cell phones, asking that all calls and conversations be taken outside in the corridor, and that phones be placed on vibrate or off mode during the meeting. Photos should be taken in the designated area on my left in the back, and please let's have a productive meeting.

**Public Session:** 2 minutes for each speaker, please be mindful of the time as Stephanie Howe called the names of the first four speakers. Informed the public historically the board will change the order of speakers to prioritize our public officials. (As Dr. Samuels, continued to shout out concerns of not being in the first four speakers)

**Maurice Cummings:**

Good evening, I am from the office of our Assemblyman K. Wright who is in attendance at a special session in Albany, tax relief information given in addition to tax credits for hiring youth, Summer Youth employment funding provided. Turkeys and food was given out at the City Mission Society for Thanksgiving.

**Captain Kevin Williams:**

Good evening everyone, I am of the 28<sup>th</sup> Precinct, we would like to send Happy Holiday greetings to everyone and their families. An overview of crime stats, we have issues with spikes in burglary and robbery in our area. Please secure your homes when leaving out, we have made two arrests and we believe this will lower the numbers of crimes in our area. The focus appears to be the new Iphone 4, we want to promote prevention, we realize that we need to be aware when walking and utilizing our cell phones. Prevention during the Holidays is important, please be reminded to initiate an app that will help in tracking your phone should you become a victim.

Michael Elias:

Good evening everyone, I am here on behalf of Assemblyman Michael O'Donnell, spoke of his opposition to Hydro-fracking, also a letter was written to the Army Core of Engineers in the Delaware basin to stop plans to Hydro-fracking, in that area, as it provides the water supply to many constituents. He reported soon to have an annual cell phone drive and book drive to help others in need due to Hurricane Sandy. For further information call the office and speak to Joyce, thank you and have a wonderful holiday.

Farood

Of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, informed constituents of the DA's plans to prosecute for senior abuse. Spoke of the basketball clinic and its purpose to engage young people to provide constructive recreation. The funding comes from anti-drug initiatives and we want the community involved. The basketball clinic has two sections, girls and boys. If there are any questions, flyers are in the back, and Happy Holidays

Nina Saxon:

Of the Borough President's Office, spoke of the Green your Block Program, asked that the community get involved. Seeking to get young people on the Community Board, spread the word in your community. The Borough President's Newsletter is in the back, you can contact me at (212-531-4264), I would like to urge the board members if you have not completed your renewal applications, I have applications available with me, please see me and take a moment to complete the renewals and submit them. She expressed her gratitude and looks forward to working with the Board and the Community.

Andrew Gardars

Of Citizens Committee of New York City informed the community about available grants for community groups that are seeking to improve their community. Information was provided regarding the deadline dates of applications and further information is available in the back for follow up. Encouraged the community to spread the word in helping to disseminate the funds that are available. He commented on the wonderful artwork in the room wishing his office was as colorful.

Dr. Kaye Samuels

Happy Holidays, as you know this is the time for lists and I have completed my list. The Housing Committee and the Land Use Committee, voted and the Chairs of those committees were asked to inquire with HPD as to how they come up with their RFP's that has yet to be done. I would like to know where the fund that was given for scholarships to the Education Committee has been spent. I also understand that funds have also been submitted from the Councilwoman's office for the Library in Upper Manhattan, and I would like further information regarding that too. Agenda's have not been sent out, and the minutes have not been factual in her opinion. She expressed her concerns regarding specific board members, and a point of order was called and

Dr. Samuels was informed of the inappropriate statements regarding personal attacks on board members, as she was asked to refrain and to hand the microphone to the next speaker, which she failed to do promptly as her two minutes were up. She continued to shout out and was informed that she was out of order.

Barbara Lee Jackson

I have relocated back to NY and there is an environmental issue, the Hydro-racking procedure that cannot be managed and it will affect our water resources. I have participated in several protests to this and would like your support in this matter by contacting the Governor to let them know that the state of NY would like to ban this procedure. She spoke of the contaminated areas and issues surrounding the lack of clean water resources as a result of Hydro-racking.

**Sgt of Arms** spoke of the previous incident with Dr. Kaye Samuels and requested the community to be respectful of all the speakers and CB10 Board Members to enable a productive meeting. Take all conversations outside, and to distribute literature at the office a head of the meeting or place it on the table in the back. Thank You

Of the National Action Network

NYC Chapter, National Action Network informed the community of the Kwanza celebrations planned and invited the community to attend. NYC Crisis and Peace team will be meeting as well as political leaders, for further information please contact my office (877) 626-4651 and (212) 690-3070.

**Public Officials:**

Al Taylor

Of Assemblyman D. Farrell's Office, Seasons Greeting, briefly I would like to inform you that we are leading a fiscal fight to restore the Millionaire Tax and additional funding for the summer youth program as mentioned earlier by other representatives. Thank You

Dawn Sanders

Of Assemblyman R. Rodriguez's Office, chief of staff of the 68 District, the members of assemblyman are in a special session seeking funding to assist our youth in employment and training endeavors that will assist in making them productive in our communities as well as for displaced workers and child care which are all important in sustaining our families. We have been educating our youth with facts such as their ability to deny a search of their person and personal affects, and we will continue to provide information to assist them as it pertains to Stop and Frisk in our communities. Please contact our office for further information as we would like the youth to be well informed. Kenya Lee is another representative from our office and we would like you to contact us with concerns so we can continue to represent you and provide you with information.

## **Community continued:**

### JoLinda Ruth Cogen

Good Evening Everyone, Grace and Peace Happy Holidays, it was brought to my attention, that there are fraudulent real estate agents and brokers out in our community that are asking for money and other unlawful acts and disappearing. Please ask for identification, we have licensed real estate agents on this board, as I am also licensed, please ask questions and demand answers. I am suggesting that the purchase of property, now is the time to buy, start planning, opportunities are there and the interest rates are low. Please contact me at [JoCogen@gmail.com](mailto:JoCogen@gmail.com).

### Jakila Jefferson

I am the librarian at the 115<sup>th</sup> Street Library and this is my first time here, I would like to inform you of our programs at the Library for the community. Check out further information on our website. Victor Simmons of County Cullen Library also his first time at the meeting, and wanted to also inform the community of services available including tax preparation which will be free. He spoke of events and programs for seniors, informed the community that further information can be found on the table in the back.

### ChiAnn Sapp

Of the City of New York, I am here to invite you to a hearing regarding the General Election held on November 6, 2012. If you had issues with poll workers, long lines, etc if you feel like you want to talk about your experience this is the time to discuss it with the NYC Board of Elections and City Officials. The meeting will be held on Dec. 12, 2012, you will be given two minutes to talk and the meeting will begin at 5:30 pm. Further information can be obtained by contacting me after the meeting.

### Jaylene Clark

I am here to make an announcement about the play “Renaissance in the Belly of the Killer Whale”, written by four young black women, a reflection on gentrification through spoken word poetry, theater, song and dance. Our key message is despite the changes in Harlem we want to preserve the arts. This is our closing weekend, for more information you can check our website as well as picking up one of the flyers in the back. Thank You come out and see the show.

### Carmen Reyes

I am the PTA representative for P.S. I.S. 180, as you know there was a shooting on 119<sup>th</sup> Street between Manhattan and Morningside Avenues at 4:00 pm and the children were in the playground and were rushed inside for safety. I am speaking on this because we want our children to be safe. Thank You

### Marie Littlejohn

I would like to announce that the Delta Sigma theta is having a seminar on Saturday called "Getting my BCD's in Order" discussing the fundamentals of budget, credit and debt. They will be focusing on getting out of debt. This event will be held at 1960 First Avenue @ 101 Street. There are flyers in the back I believe this is something we all need to attend, especially the young people. I also want to talk about Harlem Hospital, I know the Health Committee is following up, but if we lose this hospital, our community will have serious problems. I would like to know why the #7 bus passengers are always asked to get off the bus on 125<sup>th</sup> St and asked to wait for the next bus, what is behind this and why is it happening? I would like the Transportation Committee to follow up and see what they can do.

### **Public Officials:**

#### Councilman Robert Jackson

Good Evening Everyone, in the back on the tables I have provided information for follow up. Today a press conference was held regarding a request for the banks to open foreclosed homes and to sell them to not for profits. We bailed out the banks, and we were asking the banks to bail our families out. Next Thursday on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> we are having an oversight hearing on Education and Office of Family Engagement. I would like to bring your attention to the Newsletter with Assemblyman Farrell and myself regarding the playground and community garden on 146<sup>th</sup> St. I know you are busy, please know that all this information can be found on my community website. If you have any questions please feel free to email me.

#### Cordell Claire

Of Senator Perkins Office, Good Evening Everyone Senator Perkins could not be here as they were called into a special session in Albany. They are still in session; the Governor is trying to settle the budget. Thank you for your letters regarding the Millionaires Tax. These taxes will pay for training and jobs for our inner city youth. I do not have the details; this is breaking news as this is going on now. You can contact our office representatives for updates. Tax credits will be given to employers that will employ our youth. Please give yourselves a round of applause for advocating for our community. Senator Perkins advocated for funding towards SNUG which is located at Minisink Townhouse, SNUG is guns spelled backwards and we were able to get \$150,000.00 of funding to keep them in business. I would like to invite you all to Senator Perkins Open House Holiday Party on December the 15<sup>th</sup> in his office. Please keep your eyes on our public schools as they tried to take the building and give it to someone else. This is not about educating our children; it is about protecting our public schools. We want our children to learn, give us the money, and give us the resources and the right people.

#### Hazel Dukes

Good Evening Cordell thank you so much for reminding us all about the importance of education. I just returned from Cuba and it is amazing what they are doing for education and health. The incentive for kids to go to school in Cuba, there is no tuition, once you finish, you go back and work as a tourist guide and you are paid as well as in receipt of rations. It's amazing, I brought back with materials to make a presentation to Albany. Years ago many of our

politicians went to school for free, and now it is crazy the amounts of tuition. It is really sad as we are sitting around with our heads in the sand, while others are coming into our community. On Saturday, (paused due to a rude interruption) I will not tolerate it! There will be a rally at 61<sup>st</sup> and Madison Avenue, as Saturday is United Human Rights Day, this rally will point out what is being done at the UN when it comes Human Rights for all people. We need to be aware of what is going on, if your child leaves NY to go to school in Georgia, they must acquire a Georgia license and that will affect their Pell Grants here in NY, which in turn will affect their educational goals and your finances.

#### Dr. Cheryl Smith

Good Evening, I would like to bring attention to HIV and AIDS here specifically in our communities. Large percentages of our population have been diagnosed with HIV and some how we have not gotten the message out regarding prevention and methods to decrease the numbers in our community. With medicines given, people are living a long time. We know that it will not go away without information we are not doing all we can. If your physician does not ask you do you want to take the test for HIV you should tell him/her you want to. Lastly I would like to let you all know that a very special person and physician Dr. Pedione has passed and she will be dearly missed by many.

#### **Questions:**

#### Ms. Brock

Adamantly expressed her concerns regarding a “Memorandum of Understanding” as it pertains to Wadleigh High School, stating that it specifies who shall be attending the school. This memorandum of understanding that goes back to when Carl McCall was in office of District 3. This as it relates to FDA moving into the school.

#### Hazel Dukes Responds to the question:

Senator Perkins spoke of this, there are two legal pieces of legislation and one of them speaks to your comment. Robert Jackson and Senator Perkins are working very hard on this.

#### Delia Watson:

Harlem Jets Representative took a minute to briefly discuss the mission statement of the Harlem Jets, handouts are available or you can find further information by dropping by the office or checking us out on the website.

#### Capt. Walcott

I am an Army recruiter with 23 years of service as a NYPD officer, currently on the Mayor’s detail, looking to recruit the board members help as the Manhattan representative for zip codes 10026, 10027, 10029. Local board members looking to become part of the local draft boards, I will be available for further information.

Beatrice Sibbles:

I understand there was a statement regarding the amount of liquor licenses applications to the Eco-Dev Committee. It has been our calendar but it is not what we are about. Tomorrow we are having a meeting with the Urban Center one of the best research groups in the city to talk about income disparities with a briefing on micro employment opportunities in the Harlem Highline, which stems from 110 St to 132 St. This economy is not producing livable wages for the community members to sustain themselves. We will be looking at ways to be economically stable to stabilize our communities and provide our residents with living wage salaries. I look forward to you being a part of that conversation. Thank You.

Chair Lyle Report:

Thanks the public for their participation in the Public Session and calls for a Roll Call. Secretary, Crystal McKay begins the Roll Call. A motion was called for accepting the minutes, so moved. A motion was called for to adopt the agenda, so moved.

Chair Lyle, reviews her report and discusses all the issues that come before the board. She informed the community how proud she is to carry forth all the mandates of the position and thanks the community and the board members for their supportive efforts.

Chair Lyle welcomed Nina to Community Board 10 and that the applications have been added to our website and some are printed and on the table in the back along with information on the Borough Presidents Office for follow up.

Chair Lyle addresses all the information available regarding economic development in our area and welcomes the attendance of the community in the event Ms. Sibbles spoke of regarding employment opportunities and the living wage discussion.

A letter will be sent to the Dept of Transportation regarding the service disruptions on the #7 bus addressing the concerns discussed in the meeting's public session. She invites the community to attend the Health Committee to discuss concerns with Harlem Hospital, as there is a wealth of information available to be shared with the community. We have several board members that are on the Community Advisory Board of Harlem Hospital, please come out and participate in the discussions.

Lastly I would like to discuss the passing of Dr. Pedione most of you know she has been around forever, forever, just recently I asked her son about her and within a weeks time she had passed. There are a number of community members that have done great work for the community, and she was certainly one of them. She was born in 1914, nine doctors in her family. So you know what the struggle was like then. It is important to talk to the elders. The body may go but the mind stays sharp. We will miss her greatly, and we will forward information as it is received regarding her services. At this time we will hear the District Managers Report.

Christopher Woodley:

Over the summer we had our DOT Public Safety community meetings and the results of those meetings are happening, we have countdown crosswalk signs on our major strip of Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard we will continue to meet and discuss proposals. We are seeking approval for a small business incubator in the area of 125<sup>th</sup> St. for all the small businesses in our community just like the ones in other boroughs. I would also like to remind you all about the applications available for the Community Boards and their deadlines.

Troy Gethers:

This is in regards to the No. 7 bus issues discussed earlier, I used to drive the city bus for 15 years, and the people do not have to get off the bus. The bus operator has to call control and tell them the people do not want to get off the bus, and they will proceed to the intended destinations. If when they entered the bus and the sign on the bus said a specific destination, the bus is to continue until the destination is reach. So we have to tell our people, do not get off the bus!

Presentations (S. Howe)

1. **The Cove Lounge @ 325 Lenox Ave** Malcolm X Boulevard (at approximately, 126 St & 127 St) An application for a liquor license. Presented prior and had issues with the Dept of Buildings as the site was a former Day Care Center. The space has been leased since 2007, they are looking to operate a lounge for young professionals. There is a sample menu in the package, and you can see that they plan to work with local hiring agencies for employees. The capacity of the whole space is 125 individuals. Letters of Community Support are also included.
2. **B. Sibbles** added to the presentation information regarding the hours of operation.

Nominations for Treasurer:

Joshua Bauchner

Provided two minutes to give a presentation prior to election. I am an attorney and I work for The City of New York. I am the co-chair of the Land Use Committee. I really enjoy my working with the Community Board.

Motion perceived the acclamation to the appointment of Joshua Bauchner, as he is the only candidate, received and so moved. No opposition, all in favor, no abstentions. Congratulations Josh you are our new Treasurer!

Motion regarding the vote, Ms. Howe will not call for the motion as she presented, Motion made by S. Gleaton to support the application for a liquor licenses, so moved by the board. Discussion, on the hours of operation, is still an issue on the table but it does not address this vote.

**The Vote:**

Committee voted in favor to support the application, motion called to support the committee vote, there is no discussion on the hours of operation which was clarified, roll call in progress yes or no.

The **vote passes**, there are no other items on the agenda, and I would like a motion to adjourn, so moved.